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REMARKS

The undersigned gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in regard to Claims 16 and 17. Further, the undersigned acknowledges the time extended to the undersigned during an interview held on 14 OCT 2004 at the USPTO. During such interview the outstanding rejection was discussed but no agreement was made.

Applicants respectfully request entry and reconsideration of this after-final response and amendment. It is noted that the only pending claims are Claims 16 and 17. Each of these claims have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 16 and 17 should now be considered in condition for allowance.

No new matter is believed to have been entered and no new issues are believed to have been presented by way of this amendment. Accordingly, further search and consideration by the Examiner are respectfully believed unnecessary.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

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